

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

DOCKET NO:

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SPINIELLO COMPANIES,  
Plaintiff,

v.

BRICO INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Defendant.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE Cohen

RECEIPT # 58436  
AMOUNT \$ 50  
SUMMONS ISSUED N/A  
LOCAL RULE 4.1 1  
WAIVER FORM 1  
MCF ISSUED 1  
BY DPTY. CLK. F.O.M.  
DATE 9/3/04

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

**TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), defendant Brico Industries, Inc. hereby invokes this Court's jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441(a) and states the following grounds for removal:

1. April 9, 2004, an action styled and captioned as above and assigned Civil Action No. 04-1525 was filed against the defendant and a second defendant, Victaulic Company of America in the Middlesex Superior Court. Copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached as Exhibit "A."

2. In this action, Spiniello Companies asserted claims against Brico Industries, Inc. for breach of contract, negligent design, negligent misrepresentation, breach of express and implied warranties and violation of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A.

3. Plaintiff served the Summons, Complaint, Civil Action Cover Sheet and Tracking Order upon the Brico Industries, Inc on or about April 21, 2004.

4. On June 1, 2004, Brico Industries, Inc. filed its Answer and Jury Claim to the plaintiff's Complaint. See Answer attached as Exhibit "B."

5. On June 2, 2004, Victaulic Company of America filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).

4. On August 30, 2004, the plaintiff and Victaulic Company of America filed a Stipulation of Dismissal with respect to the claims against Victaulic Company of America. See Stipulation of Dismissal attached as Exhibit "C."

4. The Summons, Complaint, Civil Action Cover Sheet, Tracking Order, constitute all process, pleadings and orders served on the removing defendant to date in this action.

**B. GROUND FOR REMOVAL**

1. As originally filed in the state court, this action was not removable because complete diversity did not exists. The parties are described as follows:

a. Defendant Brico Industries, Inc. was a Georgia corporation. Such entity is now called Victaulic Depend-O-Lok, Inc. with its principal place of business in Doraville, Georgia.

b. Defendant Victaulic Company of America is a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business in Easton, Pennsylvania.

c. Plaintiff, Spiniello Companies, based on its Complaint, is a California Corporation with its principal place of business in Fairfield, New Jersey.

2. Now, based on the dismissal of Victaulic Company of America, jurisdiction exists over this removed action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 because this action could originally have been filed in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) on the basis that there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

3. This Notice of Removal of the case to the United States District Court is filed by the removing defendant within 30 days after receipt by the defendant of a copy of a motion or other paper, namely, the Stipulation of Dismissal with respect to Victaulic Company of America, “from which it may first be ascertained that the case is one which is or has become removable” pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Additionally, this case was initially commenced less than one year from this time as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Accordingly, this removal petition is filed in a timely manner pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). The removing defendant has provided written notice as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) to the adverse party and clerk of the state court in which this case was initially filed.

**C. AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS \$75,000**

Based on the claims asserted in the Complaint and as filed by the plaintiff in the Civil Action Cover Sheet, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

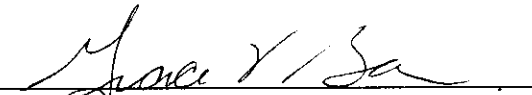
**D. VENUE ALLEGATIONS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 106 and § 1446(a) and (b), the state court action which was commenced in the Middlesex Superior Court, may be removed to this Federal District Court which embraces Middlesex County.

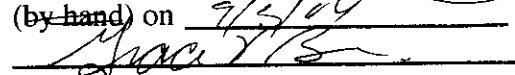
WHEREFORE, the removing defendant requests that the action pending in Middlesex County, be removed therefrom to this Court and proceed as an action properly removed to this Court.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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BRICO INDUSTRIES, INC.

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS1. Title of case (name of first party on each side only) Spiniello Companies vs. Brico Industries, Inc.

2. Category in which the case belongs based upon the numbered nature of suit code listed on the civil cover sheet. (See local rule 40.1(a)(1)).

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I. 160, 410, 470, R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.

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II. 195, 368, 400, 440, 441-444, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, 740, 790, 791, 820\*, 830\*, 840\*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950.

\*Also complete AO 120 or AO 121  
for patent, trademark or copyright cases☒

III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.

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IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.

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V. 150, 152, 153.

3. Title and number of any, prior related cases. (See local rule 40.1(g)). If more than one prior related case has been filed in this District please indicate the title and number of the first filed case in this court.

None

4. Has a prior action between the same parties and based on the same claim ever been filed in this court?

YES ☐NO ☒

5. Does the complaint in this case question the constitutionality of an act of congress affecting the public interest? (See 28 USC §2403)

YES ☐NO ☒

If so, is the U.S.A. or an officer, agent or employee of the U.S. a party?

YES ☐NO ☐

6. Is this case required to be heard and determined by a district court of three judges pursuant to title 28 USC §2284?

YES ☐NO ☒7. Do all of the parties in this action, excluding governmental agencies of the united states and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("governmental agencies"), residing in Massachusetts reside in the same division? - (See Local Rule 40.1(d)).YES ☒NO ☐A. If yes, in which division do all of the non-governmental parties reside?Eastern Division ☒Central Division ☐Western Division ☐

B. If no, in which division do the majority of the plaintiffs or the only parties, excluding governmental agencies, residing in Massachusetts reside?

Eastern Division ☐Central Division ☐Western Division ☐

8. If filing a Notice of Removal - are there any motions pending in the state court requiring the attention of this Court? (If yes, submit a separate sheet identifying the motions)

YES ☐NO ☒

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

Spiniello Companies

**DEFENDANTS**

Brico Industries, Inc.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Suffolk  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

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**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State ☐ 1 ☐ 1 DEF Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State ☐ 4 ☐ 4 DEF  
Citizen of Another State ☐ 2 ☐ 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State ☒ 5 ☒ 5 DEF  
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 ☐ 3 Foreign Nation ☐ 6 ☐ 6 DEF

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury—Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury—Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fed. Decision Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (13 USC) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIW C/DIW W (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSD Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	

**V. ORIGIN** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☒ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Grace V. Bacon

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